**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services Revenue Department Sri G. Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District (Presently Deputy Collector)-Allegations of negligence - Failure in conducting of 100% Physical Verification of stocks at MLS Point, Guntakal resulting in diversion of 1 truck load of P.Oil of 10800 liters and 88 MTs of PDS Rice stocks, Disciplinary proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991-Articles of charge - Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Rt.No.269 Dt:27-03-2025

Read:

CCLA's Lr.No.REV02- 27/181/2022 VIG I SEC-CCLA-(C.No.), Dt: 13/03/2024

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri G.Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District (Presently Deputy Collector) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III)

3. Sri G Sri G.Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District (Presently Deputy Collector) is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri G.Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District (Presently Deputy Collector) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G.Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District (Presently Deputy Collector) further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri G.Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District, (Presently Deputy Collector) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any

representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**R P SISODIA**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (LANDS, R&S,)**

To

Sri Sri G.Vasantha Babu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur District (Presently Deputy Collector) (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri

Copy to:

The District Collector, Anantapur District.

SF/SC.

**//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**

**ANNEXURE – I**

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.VASANTHA BABU, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, GUNTAKAL, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT** (Presently Deputy Collector)**:**

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**(ARTICLES OF CHARGES)**

**BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CASE :**

On 16.01.2012, JC&EOED, APSCSCL, Anantapur has reported that during the course of reconciliation of the accounts of the MLS Point, Guntakal by the staff of DM Office, Anantapur, it has been detected that one truck load of Palmolien Oil with a qty.of 10800 Ltrs (10800 pouches) has been misappropriated by Sri R.V.V.Siva Prasad, M.R.I &Incharge MLS Point, Guntakal.

JC&EOED., Anantapur has informed that during December,2010 District Manager, Nellore (Nodal Officer) despatched four (4) truck loads of P.Oil to the MLS Point, Guntakal as detailed below.

| **Sl.No.** | **Date** | **Tr.Chit No.** | **Truck No.** | **Despatched Qty.in Ltrs** | **Date of Ack** | **Net Qty. in Ltrs.** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 02.12.2010 | 2726 | AP27T 6649 | 10500 | 03.12.2010 | 10499 |
| 2 | 02.12.2010 | 2725 | AP02T 8434 | 10500 | 03.12.2010 | 10500 |
| 3 | 23.12.2010 | 2468 | AP03 U 3846 | 10800 | 24.12.2010 | 10795 |
| 4 | 10.12.2010 | 2789 | AP04T 4890 | 10800 | 14.12.2010 | 10800 |
| | | | **Total** | **42600** | | **42594** |

Wheras the Incharge MLS Point, Guntakal has entered only three truck loads leaving one truck load of P.Oili.e 10800 Liters in the goods received register as detailed below.

| S. No. | Date | R.O.No. | Convoy Note | Date | From | Truck No. | Despatched Qtr.in.its | Ack.Qtr.in Lts | Cumulactive |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3.12.10 | RBD/953/26.10.10 | 2726 | 2.12.10 | Sarajwwalla Refineries Ltd.. Nellore | AP27T 6649 | 10500 | 10499 | 10499 |
| 2 | 3.12.10 | RBD/953/26.10.10 | 2725 | 2.12.10 | -do- | AP07 8434 | 10500 | 10500 | 20999 |
| 3 | 24.12.10 | RBD/953/26.10.10 | 2468 | 23.12.10 | APSCSCL Nellore | AP03 U 3846 | 10800 | 10795 | 31794 |

As seen from the above it is quite clear that out of 4 truck loads received the Incharge MLS Point, Guntakal intentionally did not enter one truck load bearing No. AP04T

4890 on 10.12.2010 containing 10800 pouches of P.Oil in the goods received register of MLS Point, Guntakal with an intention to divert the stocks into the black market for his pecuniary gains. The said quantity is not available as ground balance and it is confirmed that the stock of 10800 litres of P.Oil has been diverted into black market by the Incharge. The misappropriation of 1 truck load of P.Oil of 10800 litres has been confirmed after receipt of acknowledgement way bills etc at the despatch center of District Manager, Nellore (Nodal Officer)

Further, 100% weighment of stocks of MLS Point, Guntakal was also done from 03.01.2012 to 09.01.2012 and a Qty. of 880.044.950 Qtls of rice was found short.

As per the details furnished by JC & EOED, Ananathapur the physical verification of Guntakal MLS Point during the month from May to December, 2011 has been conducted by Sri G. VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal (Presently Deputy Collector)and there has been a gross supervisory failure on his part. He has conducted the PV in a customonary manner and failed to detect the non entry of 1 truck load of P.Oil of 10800 litres during his Physical Verification of MLS Point Guntakal. Sri G.VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, AnantapurDist (Presently Deputy Collector) has failed to conduct proper physical verification of MLS point Guntakal from May to December 2011 as per the guidelines issued from time to time which is a serious lapse. It is the primary responsibility of the PV officla to verify the issues with reference to ROs issued by the concerned authroties. In view of the above, the following articles of charges are framed against Sri G. VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur Dist (Presently Deputy Collector).

**ARTICLE CHARGE- I**

That Sri G.VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur Dist (Presently Deputy Collector) failed to ensure conducting of 100% Physical Verification of stocks at MLS Point, Guntakal as per Head Office Circular No.PDS/P.V 3(1)/2000, dt 09.08.2001and Alert No No.1 NO PDS4/PV 3/331/06 dated 9.10.2006. Due to non-conducting of PV by the said officer properly resulted in diversion of 1 truck load of P.Oil of 10800 liters and 88 MTs of PDS Rice stocks, and shown gross negligence of her legitimate duties, which is treated as misconduct under Rule 3 of APCCA & Conduct Rules

Thus the charge.

**ARTICLE CHARGE -II**

As per the standing instructions issued from time to time, Physical Verification of stocks shall be conducted on 100% weighment at all MLS Points every three months. In respect of MLS Point, Guntakal, no such inspection was conducted by Sri G.VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur Dist (Presently Deputy Collector) and he failed to adhere to the instructions issued from H.O in this regard which lead to large scale misappropriation of stocks at MLS Point, Guntakal. Thus, has shown gross negligence in performing his legitimate duties which is construed as misconduct under Rule 3 of APCCA & Conduct Rules.

Thus the charge.

**ARTICLE-III**

Sri G. VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur Dist (Presently Deputy Collector) has conducted Physical Verification of stocks at MLS Point, Guntakal

continuously for a period of 8 months from May to December 2011 on weighted average basis. As per the standing instructions issued from time to time, the Physical Verification of stocks shall be conducted on 100% weighment only. If the Physical Verification is conducted on counting of bags on weighted average basis, variations cannot be noticed. If Physical Verification is conducted on 100%weighment basis, then only the actual shortage / excess of stocks will come out. In respect of MLS Point, Guntakal, no such inspection was Conducted by him and he failed to adhere to the Instructions issued from H.O. which lead to large scale misappropriation at stocks Point, Guntakal. Thus, he has shown gross negligence in performing his stipulated duties which is conducted as misconduct under regulation 24 (g) of APSCSCL employees conduct disciplinary Appeals Regulations.

Thus the charge.

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE-IV**

Sri G. VasanthaBabu, the then Tahsildar, Guntakal, Anantapur Dist (Presently Deputy Collector) has failed to verify the stock position at MLS Point and his visit to the MLS Point, Guntakal did not serve any purpose. Due to this improper supervision and non-verification of stocks at MLS Point, the Incharge resorted to misappropriation of stocks. Such as large scale variations in rice stocks of 880,044,950 Qtls could not occurred over night. The Incharge might have Indulged in this activity over a period of time with the active connivance of inspeeling officials and others. If the Physical verification was conducted on the weighment during his visit to MLS Point the variations could have been noticed much earlier. Thus he has conducted Physical verification of stocks in a customary manner and cannot escape from the responsibility of inadequate supervision. Thus his action construed as misconduct under Regulation 24 (k) of APSCSCL Employees conduct, discipline & Appeals Regulations.

Thus the charge.

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**ANNEXURE – II**

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.VASANTHA BABU, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, GUNTAKAL, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT (PRESENTLY DEPUTY COLLECTOR):**

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1) From JC&EOED., APSCSCL, Anantapur Lr.No.Mktg.34(1)/ P.Oil/2010-11 dated 16.01.2012.

2) This Office Fax Message No.P.Admn. A4/354/2012 dt 24.01.2012

3) From JC & EOED, AnantapurProcgs. No P.Admn A1/1/ 2012/P Special Drive dt 28.01.2012.

4) This Office Lr.No.P.Admn.A4/663/2012 dated 24.02.2012.

5) From DM, Anantapur Lr.No.P.Admn.A1/1/2012 dated 18.02.2012.

6) DM, AnantapurLr.No.Mktg 34(1)/P.Oil/2010-11, dated 28.02.2012

7) This Office Lr.No.P.Admn.A4/663/2012, dated 21.03.2012.

8) From JC&EOED, APSCSCL, Anantapur Lr.No.Mktg.34(1)/P.Oil/2010-11, dated 07.03.2012.

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**ANNEXURE - III**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.VASANTHA BABU, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, GUNTAKAL, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT, ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAIND (PRESENTLY DEPUTY COLLECTOR):**

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**-Nil-**

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**ANNEXURE – IV**

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.VASANTHA BABU, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, GUNTAKAL, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT (PRESENTLY DEPUTY COLLECTOR), ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAIND :**

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**-Nil-**

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